

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on October 25, 2004.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of claims 1-5 in the reply filed on October 25, 2004 is acknowledged. Applicants amendments have overcome the restriction requirement and thus, Claims 6-11 have been examined.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-11, filed on October 25, 2004, with respect to claims 1-5 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-5 have been withdrawn. Applicant's argument that one of ordinary skill in the art would not look to the Zola patent, which discloses a collimation device that works by absorption, for insights into optimizing a lobster-eye device as disclosed in the Sarfati device, which is a focusing device that works by reflection" (see the top of page 9) is persuasive in combination with the other recited arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Independent claims 1, 6, and 9 are allowable because the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest, an apparatus, method, or means for, a multi-foil optic comprising, a plurality of flat plates positioned normal to an arc to provide total external reflection to high energy radiation incident on the plates from a high energy radiation source, to focus the incident high energy radiation on a

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designated surface, wherein each plate has a thickness in the range of 50-70 um, in combination with the other recited limitations in the claims. Claims 2-5, 12, 13, and 14 are allowed by virtue of their dependence on claim 1. Claims 7, 8, and 15-17 are allowed by virtue of their dependence on claim 6. Claims 10, 11, and 18-20 are allowed by virtue of their dependence on claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

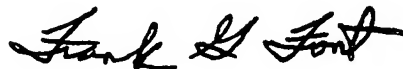
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James P. Hughes whose telephone number is 571-272-2474. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2477. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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